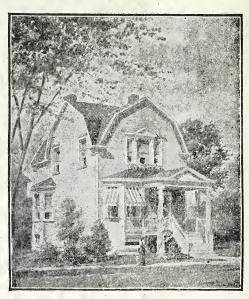


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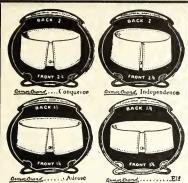
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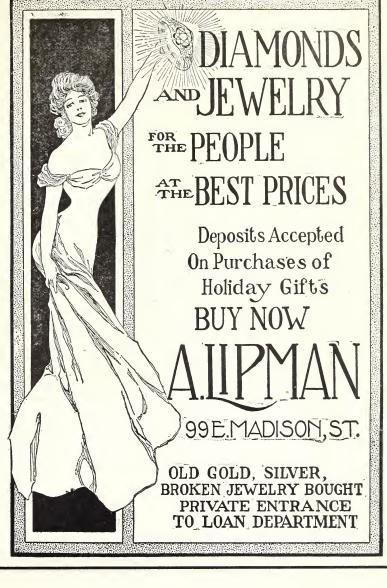
Frank Daniels is making his annual tour this year with the same vehicle which he employed with such good fortune last season—"Miss Simplicity."

At Mrs. Fiske's Manhattan Theatre in New York rehearsals are progressing daily for the forthcoming production of "Mary of Magdala" which is to be one of the distinct dramatic events of the decade. For more than two years the preparations for the presentation of Paul Heyse's tragedy have been in one field or another, and now the whole is almost ready to submit to the public. It is undoubtedly the most important of Mrs. Fiske's undertakings.

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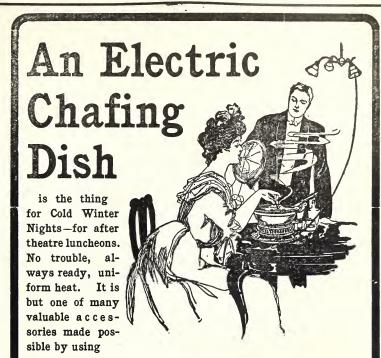
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Miss Henrietta Crosman's new play of the Stuart period, "The Sword of the King," has met with the approval of New York theatregoers and seems destined for a long season on Broadway. The author, Ronald MacDonald, a young and well-known English writer, has drawn, for his story, upon the time when the movement to place the Prince of Orange upon the throne was at its height. The characters are the personages who figured in the politics of the period.

Miss Crosman is said to give a striking display of versatility in her portrayal of Phillipa Drayton. As a girl born to wealth and high station she is drawn into the thick of political conspiracies and adventures in aid of the fortunes of her father and lover, who espouse the Prince's cause. She dons the garb of a boy, joins the soldiers, shares their barracks, saves the life of the Prince of Orange and that of her lover who is suspected of treason. The play is elaborately Aubrey Bou cicault is staged. Miss Crosman's principal supporting actor.

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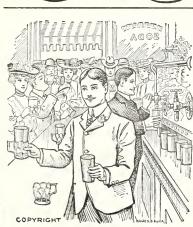
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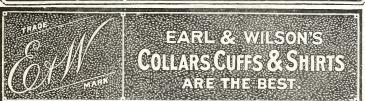
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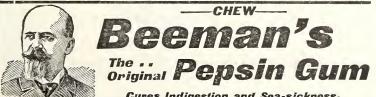
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Easily the most notable feature of the past theatrical season was the extraordinary successful series of revivals by Mrs. Fiske at the Manhattan Theater, New York. Her welcome was a wonderfully cordial one, and the encomiums called forth by the reproduction of "Tess," "Divorcons" and "Little Italy" have not been duplicated of recent years, while her Ibsen matinees gained her greater praise than has been won by any other interpreter of the foreign dramatist's works.

An interesting and instructive study of Mrs. Fiske's art appeared in the last issue of Harper's Weekly; part of the article is worth reprinting, not alone on account of the text, but as an illustration of the fact that New York is not wholly given over to the worship of false dramatic gods. The appreciation is as follows:

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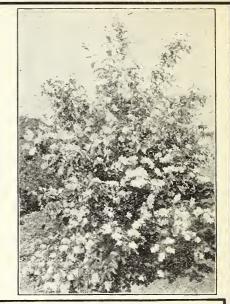
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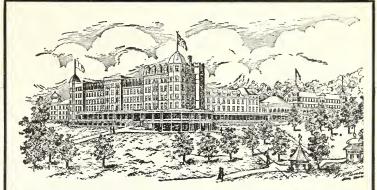
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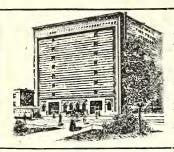
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After his defeat of Pompey, Julius Cæsar was about to make a triumphal entry into Rome. On the day appointed, the streets were crowded with people waiting to see the pageant. The Tribunes, Flavius and Marcellus, adherents of Poinpey, were much displeased. As Cæsar passed along, accompanied by a great train of Roman nobles and ladies, the shrill voice of a soothsayer was heard bidding him beware of the Ides of March. Brutus, esteemed a friend by Cæsar, was with him, but took little part in the rejoicings. A great noise was heard, and Brutus said to Cassins, that he feared the populace was about to crown Cæsar king, declaring that he (Brutus) did not wish it so. Thereupon, after being urged to disclose his secret thoughts, Cassius confided to Brutus his secret jealousy of the great conqueror, who, he said, was no greater or better man than Brutus himself. The latter, thus encouraged, admitted that he had himself at times cherished similar thoughts, and at this point the conversation was interrupted. Meanwhile, at the games, a crown had been thrice offered to Cæsar, who had each time put it from him with the back of his hand, his action calling forth cheers from the people. Cassius learned of this and resolved to use it as the means of fanning the dormant hatred of Cæsar, which he had discovered in Brutus' breast. A few days later he met Casca who told him that on the morrow the Senate would make Cæsar king, with the right to wear his crown on sea and land, except in Italy. "Then," said Cassius, "I will know where to wear this dagger." It required little argument to win over Casca to his way of thinking, and the two determined, first of all, to induce Brutus to join the conspiracy. Accordingly, they prepared an unsigned communication, which they contrived should fall into the latter's hands, bidding him awake and redress the wrongs of Rome. The receipt of this by Brutus was followed by a midnight visit to his house by the conspirators, who had meantime added fresh recruits to their numbers. A conference followed in which it was agreed to assassinate Cæsar on the following day, which would be the Ides of March. Later in the night two other noble Romans presented themselves and offered to join the conspiracy.

At the same time there was 'disquietude in Cæsar's palace. His wife implored him not to go to the Senate-honse on the morrow, and the augurs confirmed her advice. For a time Cæsar wavered, but finally decided to disregard the omens. On his way to the Capitol a warning letter was offered to him, but he refused to accept it. After Cæsar had taken his seat and business had begun, one of the conspirators knelt at his feet and made some request of him. The others gathèred around him. 'Casca 'first stabbed him in the neck, and the rest buried their daggers in his body. Cæsar defended himself until he recognized Brutus, when he exclaimed, "Et tu Brute," then folded his cloak about him and expired.

Great confusion then prevailed. Marc Antony, Cæsar's friend and ally, pronounced his funeral oration, in which he artfully incited the populace against the conspirators. Cæsar in his will had adopted his nephew, Octavius, as his son, and the soldiers urged the latter to avenge his uncle's death. The battle of Philippi followed and the conspirator's forces were routed.

Brutus was taken prisoner, but preferring death to the disgrace which he knew awaited him, fell upon his sword and died.

#### ANTONY'S ORATION

Friends, Romans, Countrymen, lend me your ears; I come to bury Cæsar, not to praise him. The evil that men do lives after them; The good is oft interred with their bones; So let it be with Cæsar. The noble Brutus Hath told you Cæsar was ambitious: If it were so, it was a grievous fault, And grievously hath Cæsar answered it.

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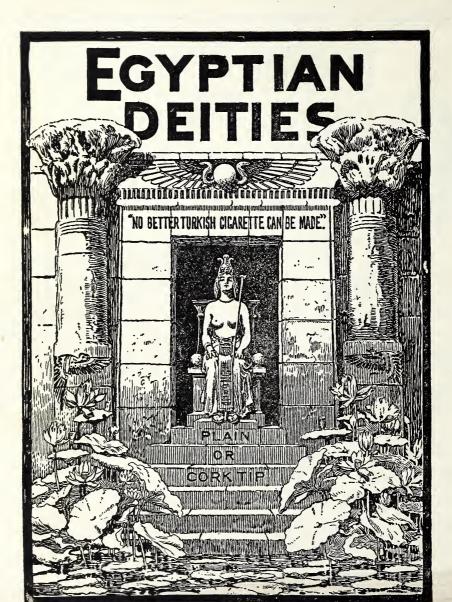
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